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**RE: Proposed clean-up plan for Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Site**

Dear Helen:

The Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation joins members of the community and the City of Bainbridge Island in supporting Alternative 4 of the EPA recommended cleanup options for the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund site at Pritchard Park on Bainbridge Island.

As a nonprofit dedicated to enhancing our community by supporting a thriving system of parks, trails and open-space on Bainbridge Island, we feel that it is critical for the existing substantial contamination to be isolated from public contact at this park. The beaches at Pritchard Park are popular and the existing closure areas outside of the area contained by the sheetwall are still frequented by park visitors. Threats posed by earthquakes and increased precipitation due to climate change increase concerns. Since the Feasibility Study predicts that the completion period to be 10 years for Alternative 4 versus 24-34 years for the recommended Alternate 7, we support the former over the latter: so that the park may be safe and accessible for public use sooner. We also support Alternate 4 as it provides the opportunity for a concrete bulkhead with design options similar to the new Seattle seawall: more attractive visually and ecologically than a steel sheet wall. We support Alternative 4 for minimizing the negative traffic and noise impacts to the community.

Along with others in the community, we encourage the remedy to include mitigation for the traffic impacts of the cleanup, including the transportation/delivery of materials by barge, and Eagle Harbor Dr. improvements to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. We also encourage the redesign of the entry road to consider future use of the park so as to optimize community use of the eastern bluff of the park, and to provide eventual ADA and improved emergency access to the beach and point at Pritchard Park.

The BI Parks Foundation wishes to express our appreciation for the teams of individuals from the State Department of Ecology and The NW Regional Office of the EPA for their dedicated and extensive efforts to find a feasible and permanent solution to remedy the toxic contaminants at Pritchard Park. Your efforts prepare this site to be a spectacular gateway park for the enjoyment of generations to come.

Thank you,

Barbara Trafton  
Executive Director